

HOUSE BILL 1837

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4, relative to requiring the use of special license plates by person convicted of DUI under certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-403, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) In addition to all other fines, fees, costs and punishments now prescribed by law for driving under the influence of an intoxicant, the sentencing judge shall require any person convicted of a violation of § 55-10-401 to obtain, within thirty (30) days of conviction, a special license plate for such person's vehicle from the department of revenue. The plate shall be yellow with the words "DUI OFFENDER" in red letters.

(2) If the person's motor vehicle operator's license is suspended or revoked pursuant to subsection (a) but the person has been issued a restricted license, the special DUI license plate shall remain on the vehicle for the entire period such person is driving on the restricted license and for one (1) year following the date such person's driver's license is reinstated.

(3) If the person's motor vehicle operator's license is not suspended or revoked, such license plate shall remain on the vehicle for one (1) year following the person's receipt of the special license plate.

(4) The DUI offender shall be required to bear the cost of such plate at a price to be determined by the department of revenue.

SECTION 2. For purposes of producing the license plates required in Section 1, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect September 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all persons convicted on or after such date.